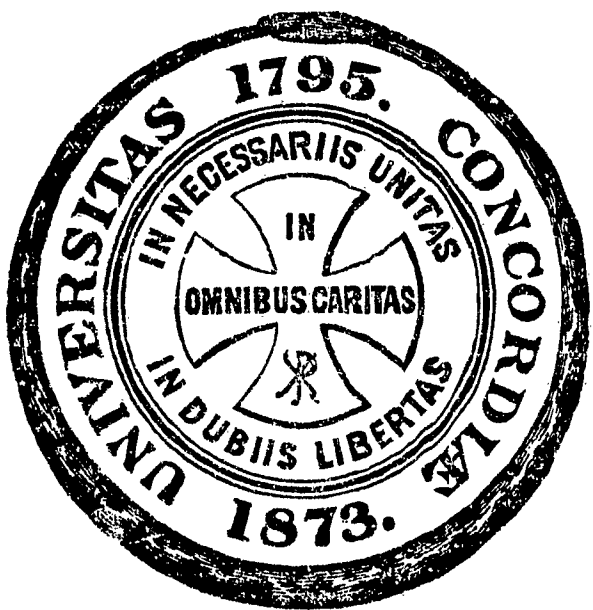


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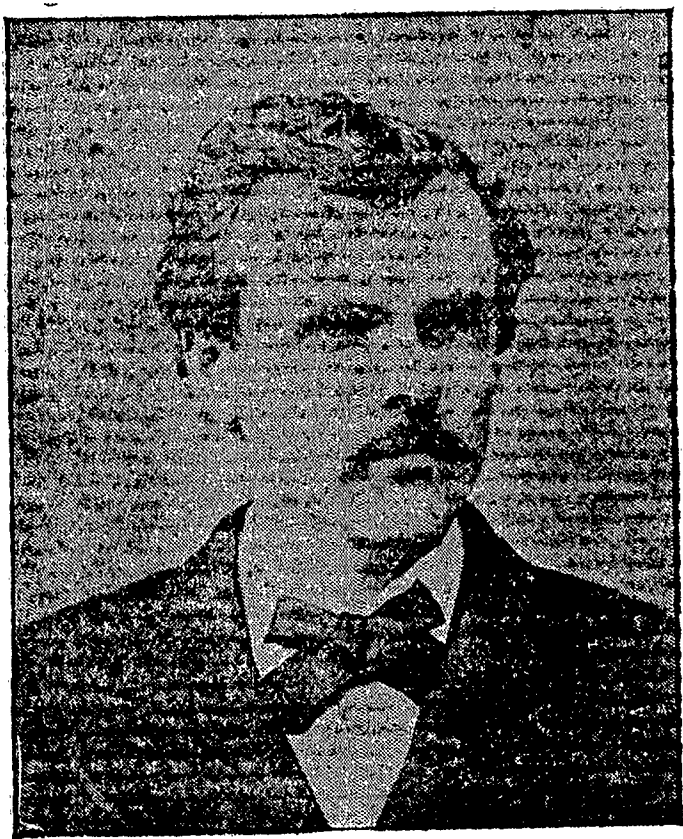


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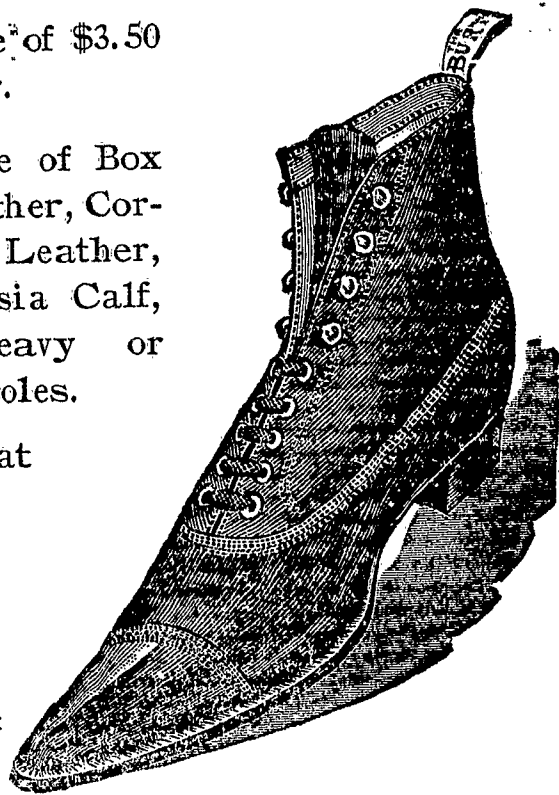
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Lecture on Thomas Moore.

Michael Monahan of Albany, delivered an unusually interesting lecture on the subject, "Thomas Moore," before a good sized audience in the chapel last Friday afternoon. Mr. Monahan proved to be a very entertaining talker and thoroughly acquainted with his theme. The Irish poet was treated in a delightful manner, and, as the speaker said, by one who had only the deepest admiration for the writings, deeds and character of the subject of his sketch. The speaker considered that Moore was the greatest of all Irish poets as well as being second to none of the many fervid patriots of the Emerald Isle. He was the product of an oppressed people, one of the means through which the feelings of his subdued countrymen were found out. He was the idol of the cultured, the champion of the lower classes.

Thomas Moore was born in 1779, and his life work, as a result was intimately identified with the Irish struggles for liberty in the first part of the present century. Endowed with an emotional, sentimental nature, he was also possessed of wonderful musical talents. As a result of constant cultivation of these gifts, and of the fact that he was surrounded by a people most fervid in character, it was but natural that Moore should have been the great poet and patriot that he was. The poet's rare skill at the piano and his strangely fascinating voice enabled him to feelingly interpret his sweetly worded songs. His bewitching Irish minstrelsy, his strange secret of poesy, his infallible receipt of Irish wit—all combined to make him the center of an admiring public.

As a poet and as an author of prose, Moore was in a class of his own. No man before him had been able to so effectively combine music and thought. Moore blended the two in a wonderful manner, his deep tender nature and his

remarkable delicacy of ear enabling him to accomplish these brilliant results.

He was prince of lyrists. Our literature has nothing to compare with his works in pathos, tenderness and joy. Shelley acknowledged him his superior, while Coleridge considered his lyrics more beautiful than those of any other man. Mr. Monahan cited other examples of prominent men of culture who have testified to the exquisite harmony and the simple purity of his works. The Irish people have today lost but little of the jealousy which is inherent in their very nature, and it is to this that the attacks of his own countrymen are mainly due.

The satirical side of the poet must not be underestimated. It must be taken into active consideration in any discussion of his merits.

Moore did not lack the courage of his convictions. Threats and prosecution in no way stopped him in the execution of what was to him his duty. He was outspoken, courageous and fearless. His constant, devoted patriotism placed him by the side of O'Connell, Brian Boru and other great Celtic patriots.

The lecturer read in a very pleasing manner a number of apt selections from the poet's works, criticising them both as to their good qualities and defects. The lecturer said the chief criticism against Moore in his "Lalla Rookh" seems to be his seemingly exhaustless store of fancy, felicity and divine confidence, of which others would be glad to have a very little.

"The life of Byron" was his greatest work in prose. No other man ever received such an eulogy at the hands of another author.

Moore was a splendid example in the matter of his private life. His contentment, his peaceful unswerving devotion to the home ties, both considerably increased the happiness of the home in which he lived. Moore's character was noble and generous, and at all times were his thoughts and actions consistent. Wit,

will and courtesy were at once embodied in him and helped to raise him to that height of immortality which he longed for.

The sadness which o'ershadowed his late years only aided to strengthen his character. As he felt his powers gradually passing away, he labored only the more zealously. When he died, it was with the satisfaction that he had lived a life fraught with many beneficial results to others and especially to the country he so loved to call his own.

Dr. Jackson's Lecture.

The last and one of the most interesting and instructive lectures of the fall term was delivered in the chapel last Friday afternoon by the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D., who was moderator of the last general assembly of the Presbyterian church. His subject was, "Alaska and the Klondyke." In introducing Dr. Jackson, Prof. William Wells, one of the early tourists and explorers in that far north land, repeated a statement that he himself made some years ago in the same place and on the same subject, that "Union college invented Alaska." William H. Seward, one of Union's most famous sons, when secretary of state purchased Alaska, and Sheldon Jackson, another son, whom his alma mater loves to honor, was created for the present period to aid in its development.

Dr. Jackson opened his remarks by saying that Prof. Wells might have gone a step farther, for president Chester A. Arthur, another Union man, gave Alaska a government, for it was ten years after we purchased it before we took actual possession and established a government over the territory.

The speaker gave a lesson in the geography of the territory "not for the students" as he stated, "but for the faculty." Alaska is a land of constant surprise, in its size, climate and resources. It has an area of 600,000 square miles, equal to that of all the states east of the Mississippi river. It is 2,200 miles in length and 1,400 in breadth, and the most western island of the Aleutians is 1,000 miles west of the Hawaiian islands. Alaska is the home of

glaciers and its mineral springs can not be equaled anywhere in the world. The Yukon is 70 miles wide at the mouth and navigable for 2,800 miles, and its tributaries are all navigable for several hundred miles. Alaska is the only tract which the United States has ever purchased which has paid for itself by returns to the United States treasury. It cost \$2,700,000, and thus far the seal skins from the seal islands have produced a revenue of \$12,000,000. The 1,000 miles of cod banks along the Aleutian islands are a hundred times more valuable than those of Canada, and there are also extensive salmon banks. Immense coal deposits are found even north of the arctic circle and one bluff of five seams on the coast furnishes hundreds of tons mined by nature for the whalers. Iron ore, copper and crude petroleum are among the many resources which only await development. A gold quarry is being worked and furnishes quartz for the largest quartz mill in the world, which produces \$60,000 worth of bullion per month.

In 1897, Circle City was a growing city of log houses but rich finds on the Klondyke attracted its population and long before the news of that bonanza reached the states every claim on the river were taken. Experts pronounce Alaska the largest gold belt in the world. Dr. Jackson described the miners and mines at some length but advised men to keep away from Alaska as the cost of living is so great and the surroundings are so demoralizing.

Means of transportation are the great needs of the country. It does not produce food for its people as it is not an agricultural country, hence it is necessary to import food. It is easily brought by boat to points along the river, but the cost of transporting it to miners who are located some miles back is enormous. Horses cannot endure the climate and dogs are slow and expensive, but Providence has provided the reindeer which is exactly suited to the conditions. Reindeer are to the arctics what camels are to the tropics. The territory furnishes pasturage for millions of these animals which supply all the temporal and physical wants of the inhabitants. A reindeer can be driven all day and when turned loose at night will find his

food under the snow in the shape of mosses. One of the government agents made a journey of 2,000 miles with a team of reindeer in less than five months.

Some years ago Dr. Jackson visited the northern coast of Alaska and found the natives starving, owing to the scarcity of whales, their main food. He then imported reindeer from Siberia to supply their needs.

At the present the government is supporting several schools in Alaska besides those managed by the missionaries. The various denominations partitioned this vast territory between them and now each has its sphere. The natives are anxious to have their children educated and some teachers are obliged to hold two and three schools per day.

Dr. Jackson closed with a high tribute to the sacrifice and devotion of the missionaries who live in the isolated settlements where communication with the outside world is possible only once a year. Christianity is fast making it safe for miners to go to Alaska.

Alumni Note.

Lucius C. Rice, ex-'94, was elected to the office of Treasurer of the State of Idaho, in the recent elections. He was supported by the Democrats and silver Republicans.

Mr. Rice was born at Riceville, Fulton Co., N. Y., in 1867. He came to Union college in 1890, and left in his second year. Soon afterwards he went to Idaho, and located at St. Anthony, Fremont Co., where he has since been engaged in the merchandise and banking business. He has taken an active part in public affairs and has shown himself to be an enterprising man of considerable merit.

Allison-Foote Debaters.

The literary societies have elected their speakers for the Allison-Foote debate, which will take place during the winter term. Ketchum, '99, Loucks, 1900, and Winterberg, 1900, will debate for the Adelphics, and Noel, '99, Wright, '99, and Reed, 1900, for the Philomathians.

The Initial Concert.

The first concert of the season was given by the Musical Association at the Van Curler opera house, Thursday evening, Dec. 1. The audience, while not large, was a representative one and showed its appreciation of the faithful work done by the various clubs in preparing for this event. Encores were frequent and well merited, for the selections showed the results of hard and continual practice.

The appearance of our victorious football team in the boxes was a pleasant innovation, and very appropriate on such an occasion.

The clubs are made up as follows:

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Intercollegiate.

Williams matriculated a freshman class of ninety-nine men.

The late Elizabeth Townsend Parker, of New York city, has left the sum of \$3000 to be used in founding a prize in Roman law at the Yale Law school.

The students of Tufts college have recently unanimously voted to abolish hazing and to do away with the Greek letter society which has terrorized freshmen for many years.

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THE publication of the Concordiensis has been delayed a few days because of several important events, which we desired to chronicle in this the last number of the term.

ALL THOSE who intend to spend the holidays elsewhere than in Schenectady, should confer with the ticket agent of the New York Central R. R. and secure the benefits of the reduced rates which are being given to college students and professors.

LAST week was a remarkable one in some respects for Union college. General Daniel Butterfield, '49, delivered an address before the Colonial society, President Raymond had the toast of honor at the banquet of the St. Nicholas society, and Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, '77, spoke at the New York Alumni banquet. Each one spoke strongly in favor of expansion, and their speeches were fully reported by the New York papers. It is significant that of three consecutive speeches concerning the colonial problem now before the United States, a subject of national importance, all should have been delivered by Union alumni.

New York Alumni Banquet.

The eleventh annual banquet of the New York city Alumni association of Union College, was held at the Hotel Savoy, December 8. Before the dinner, there was a business meeting of the association at which the following officers were elected for the next year: President, Daniel M. Stimson, '64; first vice-president, Frederick W. Seward, '49; second vice-president, Charles D. Nott, '54; secretary, Edgar S. Barney, '84; treasurer, Bayard Whitehorne, '82. Executive committee, Charles E. Sprague, '60; Frank Bailey, '85; G. Herbert Daley, '92; George T. Hughes, '93; Clarke W. Crannell, '95; J. V. L. Pruyn, '80; Andrew H. Smith, '58; William K. Gilchrist, '83; Douglas Campbell, '94; Joseph Alan O'Neill, '97; Courtland V. Anable, '81; Edwin Einstein, '61; George J. Schermerhorn, '66; Charles D. Meneely, '81, and William G. Brown, '95.

Silas B. Brownell, president of the association, presided at the banquet. Over one hundred were present among whom were the following well-known men: Ex-Governor Alonzo B. Cornell, George Haven Putnam, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, General Daniel Butterfield, General Henry E. Tremaine, E. W. Crittenden, William T. Meredith, Wheeler H. Peckham, Edward Schenck, Ex-Senator Warner Miller, John M. Scribner, George J. Schermerhorn, William Wells, W. H. H. Moore, George A. Plimpton, Frederick W. Seward, John R. Van Wormer, Frank A. DePuy, John H. Starin, Frank Loomis, J. C. Breckenridge, Frank S. Ely, Professor Franklin H. Giddings, the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, Douglas Campbell, Professor William Wells, Andrew W. Gleason and Professor Maurice Perkins.

The banquet was remarkable for the free discussion of the problems that are now confronting this country.

Mr. Peckham was called upon to respond to the toast "The Union of Our Fathers." In his speech he made a vigorous argument against the policy of territorial expansion.

Prof. Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia re-

sponded to the toast "The New Demands of a New Time." He favored expansion and characterized the anti-expansionist as "the prophet of gloom."

The other toasts were, "The Union of Lakes, the Union of Lands, the Union of States, Who Can Sever," Frederick W. Seward; "The University," President Andrew V. V. Raymond; "The Scholar's Response," George Haven Putnam; "Sound Learning," the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson; "Union University Men," the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson; "Union Alumni," Frank Bailey; "Union Professors," Prof. Maurice Perkins; "Union Trustees," the Rev. Dr. George Alexander; "Union Athletes," Douglas Campbell; "Union College Days," Andrew W. Gleason.

During the evening the College Quartette composed of Green, '99, Eames, '99, Wiley, '99, and Hinman, 1902, sang the songs of Old Union.

Work of the Geological Department.

The 15th Annual Report of the State Geologist, published last summer, contains Part I of a Monograph by Professor Prosser, on the classification and distribution of the Hamilton and Chemung series of New York. The reprint makes a quarto book of 140 pages, with a colored geographical map, numerous structural sections and half tone illustrations. A paper of greater local interest in the same report is one by Prof. Prosser and E. R. Cumings, '97, on the Lower Silurian of West Canada creek and the Mohawk valley, in which the Trenton Falls region and the Mohawk valley from Little Falls to Schenectady, is quite fully described.

The department will also be very strongly represented in the 17th Annual Report which goes to press this winter; for it will contain three reports by Prof. Prosser, one by Prof. Prosser and R. B. Rowe, '96, and one by E. R. Cumings, '97. In these reports Prof. Prosser describes the Devonian formations of the Catskills and northeastern New York, and the Silurian and Devonian rocks of the Helderberg plateau. The papers by Messrs. Rowe and Cumings were submitted as theses for special honors in geology, Rowe's being on the geology of the southern Helderbergs and Cumings' on

the region covered by the Amsterdam sheet of the U. S. Geological Survey. The above reports when published will make a quarto book of between 350 and 400 pages, containing many sections and illustrations.

A year ago Prof. Prosser was appointed Chief of the Appalachian Division of the Maryland Geological Survey, which is one of the State Bureaus conducted by the Geological Department of Johns Hopkins University. The Appalachian Division covers all of western Maryland from the Blue Ridge to West Virginia, and Prof. Prosser spent last summer in the field work in that region. The assistants on the various divisions are all graduate students of Johns Hopkins University, and last summer on the Appalachian division were Dr. O'Hara of Carthage college, Illinois, now professor of Geology in South Dakota School of Mines, Mr. McLaughlin of the University of Texas and Mr. Rowe of Union. Two series of reports will be published in connection with this work; one called the descriptive, giving the areal geology by counties, accompanied by a description of the distribution of the various formations and and typical sections. The first of these volumes will be the Geology of Allegany county, by Dr. O'Hara, which is under revision by Profs. Clark and Prosser. The second series of reports is known as the systematic, in which the correlation and description of the formations will be fully considered by periods, together with the paleontology. The first volume of this series on the Devonian system, by Prof. Prosser and Mr. Rowe is in course of preparation, and the second one on the Upper Silurian will be by Prosser and Cumings of Union.

The Lansingburgh Concert.

The musical association gave the second concert of the season before the members of the Riverside club at Lansingburgh, last Thursday evening. The club house was filled with a large and appreciative audience, and the work of all the clubs was uniformly good. In the absence of F. L. Greene, the Terrace song was well sung by H. A. Barrett, 1901, of Lansingburgh. After the concert an informal dance was enjoyed. This concert together with the first one, formed a basis for the make-up of the several clubs during the rest of the season, so that the personnel of the clubs on the western trip will be nearly the same as at the opening concert. This western trip will be made during the Christmas recess and will include concerts at Newark, Rochester and Auburn, on Dec. 20, 21 and 22, respectively.

The Junior Hop.

The first junior hop of the season of '98-99 was held on Friday evening, Dec. 9, at Yates' boat house. Every circumstance combined to make the dance a delightful one. Gioscia was as good if not better than usual, the floor was in fine condition, and the refreshments were of good quality and well served.

Chairman Rogers and the other members of the committee spared no pains in their endeavors to make the affair a success and the dance ought to have been better supported by the students. Those who did attend, however, were well repaid and were unanimous in praise of the affair.

Those present were, Miss Hildreth, Albany; Miss Johnston, Palatine Bridge; Miss Chistler, Cooperstown; Miss Heatley, Troy; and from this city the Misses Strain, Schoolcraft, Paige, Lewis, Brown, Veeder, Kingsbury, Dora Yates, Mabel Horstmann, Merriam, Price, Campbell, and Westinghouse; and Messrs. Opdyke, Bradford, '98; P. B. Yates, '98; Vrooman, '98;

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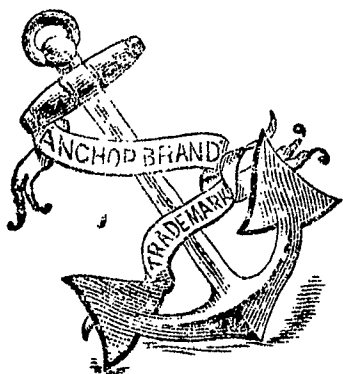
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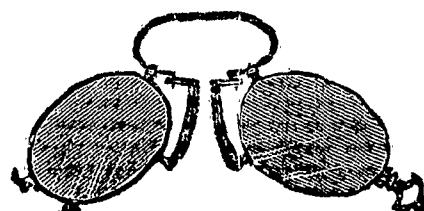
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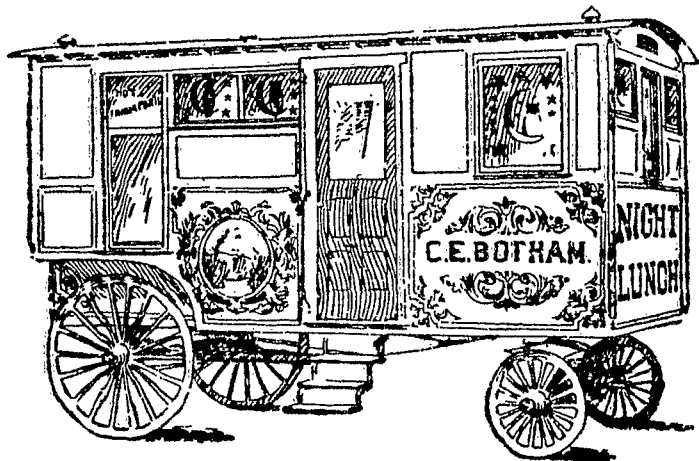
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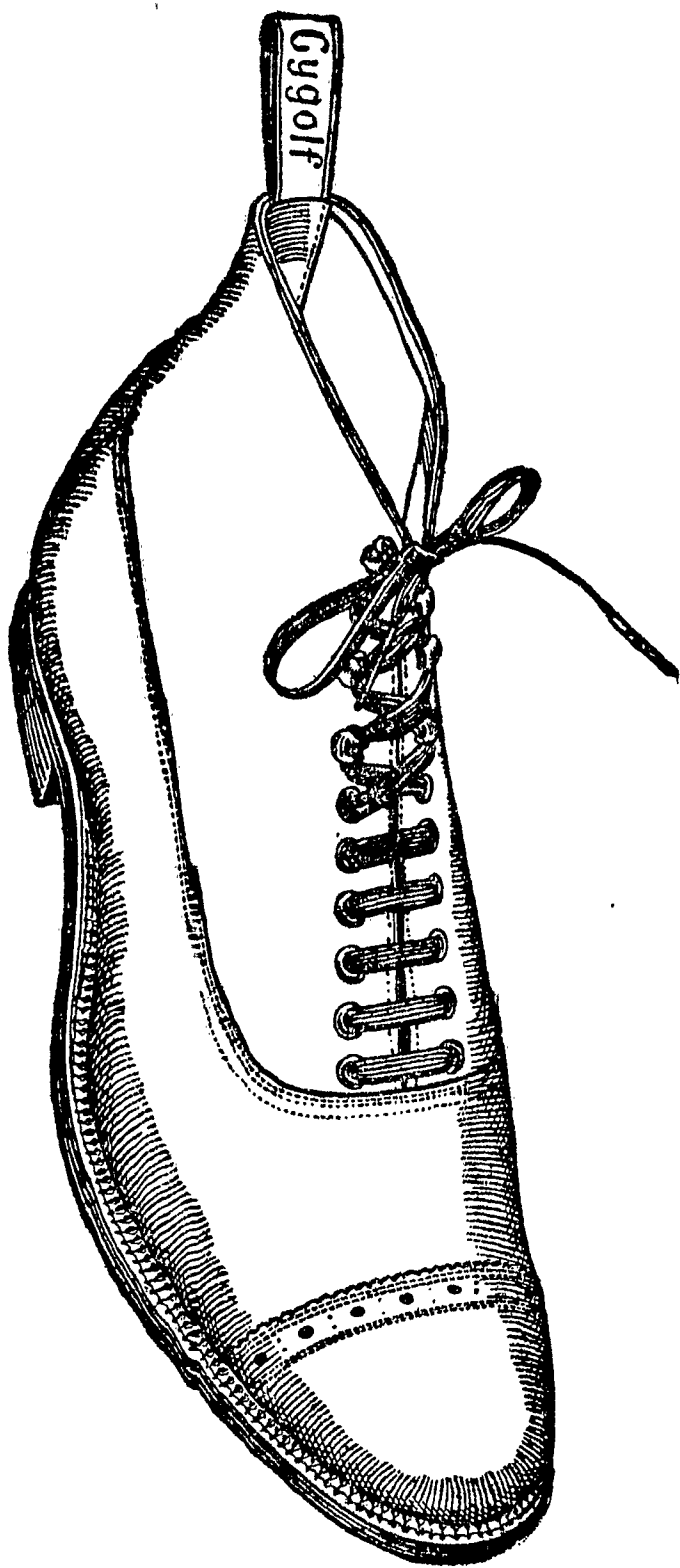
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